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Johann Mitterreiter

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Dear Sir:

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This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated July 29, 2003 for a period of three (3) month(s).

\boxtimes	Applicant:				
		claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.			
	\boxtimes	is other than small entity			
		Extension <u>Months</u>	Other Than Small Entity	Small Entity	
		One Month Two Months Three Months Four Months Five Months	\$110.00 \$420.00 \$950.00 \$1,480.00 \$2,010.00	\$55.00 \$210.00 \$475.00 \$740.00 \$1,005.00	
Fee Payment					
\boxtimes	Attached is a check for \$950.00 for the Petition fee.				
	Attac	Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$ for the Petition fee.			
	Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.				
\boxtimes	Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit				

Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 29, 2004

John C. Freeman

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